(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to overcome this serious handicap?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) In the news report dated 5th June, 1988 appearing in 'The Hindustan Times' a view was expressed only in respect of Doordarshan that its software has not developed to a certain extent and during the Sixth Plan and to some extent in the Seventh Plan the pace of development of software infrastructure in Doordarshan had not matched the expansion on the Hardware side. Expansion of TV Relay Service was given more consideration during this period so that TV could reach the masses. Also, the availability of programmes from private producers did, to some extent, delay vigorous action to develop software by Doordarshan.

(b) More emphasis is now being laid on the development of software during the Eighth Plan. Even during the remaining period of Seventh Plan it is proposed to set-up studio facilities in the Capitals of some States and the number of Programme Producing Kendras will go up from the present 18 to 48 after completion of Seventh Plan Schemes. The Central Production Centre in New Delhi has also started functioning and technically and contentwise quality programmes are expected to be produced.

Cultivation of Oilseeds

1410. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 478 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey regarding farmers predominant dependence on highly risky dry land areas for oil seed cultivation; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to build up a buffer stock of edible oil; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) No need has been felt by Government to conduct a survey since the oilseeds are predominantly grown as rainfed crops. Therefore the Government have launched programmes under the National Oilseeds Development Project and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project to induce the farmers to take up cultivation of more remunerative dryland oilseed crops like sunflower and safflower to minimise the risk of drought. For this purpose assistance is provided for supply of critical inputs.

(c) State Trading Corporation has been keeping about 2 lakh tonnes of imported edible oils available at all times physically for the Public Distribution System. This is treated as a kind of buffer stock besides oils in the pipeline wherein the edible oils arrive at regular intervals. Buffer stocking is also achieved through limited forward-buying in international markets. In so far as indigenous edible oils are concerned no buffer stocking is done at Government's behest as it is an open market commodity.

Transfer of Officers Posted at Lucknow

1411. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what are the names of officers on software side posted at Lucknow for more than ten years within a media unit or by shifting